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UNMET NEEDS

A Frontier Parsonage

HOME FIELD UNMET NEEDS

THE NEEDS OF THE CITIES

An Indiana industrial city of 300,000 inhabitants is in desperate need for:

$25,000 toward a $125,000 project in a college community.
$10,000 to $20,000 toward a $100,000 structure to replace an old frame church in a growing suburban section.
$20,000 toward a $50,000 community church among shop workers and railroad men.
$12,500 toward a community building for the only English-speaking Protestant church among 15,000 people.
$5,000 toward a $30,000 church near the new $14,000,000 motor car plant.

These needs are typical of every city of this size and over, throughout the United States.

THE NEGRO MOVED NORTH

The migration of Negroes to Northern industrial cities during the war and since has increased the problem of providing adequate houses of worship for them. For instance, when the Home Board Survey was made in 1918 there was one Methodist Episcopal Church for colored people in all the great industrial region in and around Pittsburgh. Since then enough colored communities have been developed in that section to form an Annual Conference District. This District has been organized and yet today, for all this District, there are but two Methodist Episcopal Church buildings.

New York, Chicago, Detroit—every large Northern city, has similar needs in varying degrees.

INDUSTRY OUTGROWS THE CHURCH

In one conference in Tennessee there are eight industrial communities where the expansion is like the following:

Nine years ago there were only about 300 people here. Today there are 8,000 people in the town and 10,000 in easy reach. In two years there will be 8,000 more. There are industrial plants sufficient to take care of a population of 20,000. One plant represents an investment of $3,500,000 and another $4,500,000. Houses and schools are being built. A new $150,000 Y. M. C. A. has just been completed. The 197 members of the Methodist Episcopal Church are worshiping in a moving picture theater. To build and equip a church to meet the present needs and allow for a normal increase for five years will cost $70,000, exclusive of the lot which the local Improvement Corporation is willing to donate if the Methodist Episcopal Church will provide one half of the cost of the church building. The members of the church are working people and are not able to make large payments on the church themselves. The gift of the lot and the opportunity for large service hang in the balance.

The needs of these eight industrial communities are typical of hundreds of other communities. They are a part of Methodism's War Emergency and Reconstruction obligation.

There is a parish of 40,000 people in an Ohio city of 208,000 where the Centenary provided for additional workers, but made no provision for a building to replace the old and inadequate building erected in the early nineties. Thirty thousand people in this parish are unchurched.

In a Connecticut industrial community, where the number of families increased 700 per cent during and since the war, $20,000 is needed on a $60,000 improvement project to enable Methodism to minister to its share of the 20,000 people in the parish, 8,000 of whom are unchurched.

In nearly every state the story is the same.

A CONFERENCE IN CALIFORNIA

A fruit-growing and ranching community of 4,000 has a partially completed building of concrete, which, if finished, will permit the uniting of the 12 religious organizations.

A rural community with 300 Mexicans, Japanese, and Italians, needs adequate plant.

In citrus irrigation section with rapidly increasing population, new church needed.

Where 60 industrial plants employ 15,000 men, new church needed to replace inadequate wooden structure.

In oil field, with many Portuguese and Japanese, adequate church building needed to counteract influence of contemplated community dance hall.

A mission in a city of a million people needs help for maintenance.

Parsonage needed for resident pastor in growing community where new irrigation ditch has been dug.

New building to replace wooden structure in industrial and manufacturing parish of 5,000.

Church needed for rural irrigation community.

Church needed at a beach amusement resort with 8,000 population.

$100,000 needed for work among soldiers and sailors and for Americanization, where there are 50,000 soldiers and sailors and 10,000 foreigners.

Community church building needed in fruit-growing town into which large numbers of young people come to work every summer.

New community building needed for Spanish mission in a large city.

New church building needed, rural community with agricultural, mining and lumber interests, different nationalities represented. The present inadequate Methodist Episcopal Church the only one in the entire county.

A church needed in town where land boom is rapidly increasing the population.

New church needed across the street from state university for inaugurating constructive program among Methodist students.

In county producing one ninth of the world's oil production, new church needed to replace little wooden edifice, among a transient population.

IN MINNESOTA

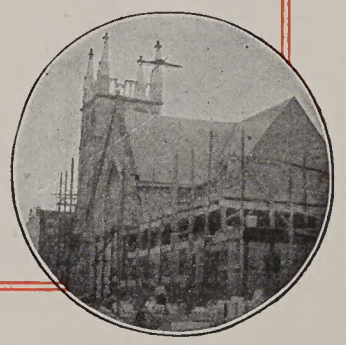
In one Conference district, our church and the public school are the only institutions, in 38 incorporated cities and towns, that stand for either Protestant or American ideals. There are 26 applications for aid on this district, only five of which can be granted because of lack of funds. The German language and German customs prevail among nearly all the people, except those young people who have come under the influence of our church. The church buildings erected in the eighties are inadequate for the work that must be done among these people.

Workers and community churches for foreign language communities are asked for from every state.

THE FULL STORY

Space permits only a suggestion of the Unmet and Unfinished Needs of our Mission Fields. While the other Boards in the Council receive their full guarantees, this by no means covers their pressing needs. Shaken financial, social and moral structures prove there is a crisis. Your weekly church paper has a chapter of the full story each week, as well as the continued telling of "What Centenary Money is Doing." If you are not a subscriber, become one at once. Ask your pastor!

Shall Centenary Projects remain in this condition?



Foreign Field Unmet Needs

THEY CAN'T ALL GET IN!—The tragic inadequacy of this church in Pyeng Yang, Korea, for its congregation is a vivid picture of the need of the whole Orient

Total Centenary program	$9,097,805
Annual Centenary program	1,819,561
Sent to field in year ending October 31, 1920	1,069,380
Amount short	750,181
Need for 1921 to carry Centenary program to date	2,569,742

INDIA AND BURMA

THE two greatest opportunities in India are with the mass movements and education. The great mass movements are bringing into our membership an average of 40,000 people a year. The urgent, immediate needs resulting from this—one of the outstanding opportunities of Christian history—are still not met in any adequate manner. Missionaries, teachers, and schools must be furnished if this opportunity is not to become a menace.

At least 25 new missionaries thoroughly qualified for important service must be sent to India in 1921.

Lucknow Christian College stands at the threshold of its largest service. The government's proposed increase of the grant for new buildings will depend largely on our cooperation. $50,000 must be provided that these new buildings may be assured. Equipment and increased staff are essential.

The Centenary program contains fairly liberal amounts for the development of India's much-needed medical program, but it has been impossible to send the funds. They must be furnished this year.

The new tuberculosis sanitarium in Ajmer, which is so full of promise, is held up for lack of $20,000.

Hundreds of houses for Christian teachers who are to be sent into the villages must be erected.

Additional missionary residences are an immediate necessity.

The very complex and important work of the industrial institutions such as Nadiad and Aligarh need the equipment promised.

Total Centenary program	$7,981,015
Annual Centenary program	1,596,203
Sent to field in year ending October 31, 1920	1,082,473
Amount short	513,730
Need for 1921 to carry Centenary program to date	2,109,933

LATIN AMERICA

MEXICO

PRESENT conditions offer the most favorable opportunity ever presented to American Protestantism to interpret Christian brotherhood and bring new life to a whole nation.

The greatest need and opportunity is education—a primary school in connection with each church.

The Union Theological Seminary, the source of Christian leadership, must have new buildings.

Institutional and industrial church work is to be begun in Aztecas, Mexico City, and in Puebla.

The hospital at Guanajuato and dispensary work at three other points must be developed. New churches must be built.

SOUTH AMERICA

The hospital in Lima, Peru, recently acquired, the only hospital in a wide territory, must be paid for and equipped.

In Buenos Aires, the Ward School is developing into a college. A new campus is being purchased and $100,000 is needed for new buildings.

Eastern South America is undermanned. New missionaries should be sent at once.

In the packing house district of Montevideo, a fruitful social service center has been established. New buildings are necessary to fill the unique opportunity.

Our influential schools in Chile, at Santiago, Concepcion, and Iquique, must have buildings and equipment.

Our schools at La Paz, Lima and Callao which are training the leaders of the nation, must have buildings.

Total Centenary program	$2,239,240
Annual Centenary program	447,849
Sent to field in year ending October 31, 1920	269,396
Amount short	178,453
Need for 1921 to carry Centenary program to date	626,302

AFRICA

THREE great lines of strategy for the evangelization of Africa, planned and begun in the first year of the Centenary, must be carried vigorously forward. These lines of advance are:

1. Completion of four industrial and agricultural training institutes.

Five have been planned. Work on three has begun. These institutions are an indispensable foundation for building a Christian community. Each of these institutes will cost approximately $75,000. Present receipts give no funds to go on.

2. Two new hospitals, at Old Umtali and in the Congo, must be built.

They are urgently needed but are held up. The hospital at Old Umtali will cost $25,000, that in the Congo, $10,000.

3. New territory must be occupied in an evangelistic advance.

A new line of stations has been planned across Africa, a most strategic line of defense and offense against the Mohammedan invasion from the north.

Other new territory in the Congo and in Portuguese East Africa has been opened up and must be occupied.

In Liberia, a major project is the Cox Memorial Institute, an industrial and agricultural training school, vital to our whole program in Liberia.

Africa's greatest need is for reinforcements. Thirty-nine new missionaries were secured last year, but only 20 could be sent to the field.

The Centenary has sent a thrill of hope and expectation throughout Methodism all around the world. Upon the pledged word of the home church, advance steps have been taken, lives have been offered and accepted, funds in the mission fields have been raised. The world-wide opportunity opens before the church, waiting for the funds with which to realize the program.

Total Centenary program	$9,156,895
Annual Centenary program	1,831,579
Sent to field in year ending October 31, 1920	1,143,937
Amount short	687,642
Need for 1921 to carry Centenary program to date	2,519,221

CHINA

IN China, with her tremendous but uncertain destiny in the world's future, the peak of Christian opportunity is reached right now.

Central in our whole program and vital to every part of it are the four union Christian universities in which the Methodist Episcopal Church cooperates. Peking, Nanking, Fukien and West China Universities, four of the most influential institutions of learning in the world, have all begun strategic programs of development and advance. Our share cannot be held back.

These institutions are to set Christian standards for government schools and the leadership of new China in a day of social dissolution and menacing chaos. It was possible to do very little on the university program in the first Centenary year.

Christian education is the most powerful evangelistic approach. Delay is perilous to our program of evangelism.

The evangelistic campaigns made possible by the Centenary last year were very successful and fruitful. Scores more of such campaigns are planned for this year.

Central institutional churches in nine great cities have been promised, planned, and in some cases building has begun. These centers of evangelism and social ministry are fundamental to work of great influence in the centers of China.

Houses must be provided for new missionaries and additional missionaries sent.

The hospitals at Peking, Wuhu, Taian, Changli, Chungking, Chengtu, Nanking, and other points have programs which are being developed but which will be crippled and halted if funds do not come. The China Medical Board cooperates dollar for dollar for buildings, equipment and staff at Wuhu. They are ready to advance. We must fulfil our part.

Unroofed Walls in Nanking, China

Total Centenary program	$16,624,510
Annual Centenary program	3,324,922
Sent to field in year ending October 31, 1920	2,868,390
Amount short	556,532
Need for 1921 to carry Centenary program to date	3,881,454

EUROPE

WAR EMERGENCY AND RECONSTRUCTION

IN Europe, *War Emergency* is still on, demanding the expenditure of funds now, rather than ten years hence. What America does for Europe in the rebuilding of her life and idealism is like bread cast upon the waters.

Immediately pressing calls must still be met for relief supplies for suffering and starving in Serbia, Albania, Finland, Esthonia, Latvia, and Austria.

Beyond this relief, an enlarged program for Europe, *reconstructive* because of the devastation of war, *constructive* because of the opportunities of peace, has been undertaken and is producing fine results. The foundations already laid must be built upon if they are not to be lost.

In *France*, the orphanages and schools cannot go forward as planned without the promised funds. At present the necessary headquarters in Paris for all our work cannot be purchased.

In *Austria*, in addition to physical relief, there is an opportunity for our workers to go forward with a very large program of religious education.

Bulgaria needs a central church in Sofia.

Serbia—What shall we do with the request for a Farm and Trade School for both boys and girls to be located in Old Serbia where 85 per cent of the population is agricultural? A Nurses' Training Department is needed in conjunction with the McPhail Children's Hospital in Belgrade.

In *Albania*, a marvelous opportunity for constructive work for a whole nation is presented in the plea of the Albania government for the establishment of a school of higher education, including a teachers' training department and an educational adviser to the government.

In *Scandinavia*, the Norway, Sweden, and Denmark Conferences each have raised from $150,000 to $200,000 in Centenary pledges and are asking us to meet them dollar for dollar during the Centenary period. They ask in addition that they be assigned a distinct missionary field in which their work can be extended.

In *Italy*, the outstanding thing is the Collegio in Rome through which there is an opportunity to influence in a very large way the life of young Italy.

In *North Africa*, the District Superintendent asks for 17 new missionaries with proper equipment.

In *Esthonia*, *Latvia*, and *Lithuania*, work is opening rapidly. A vigorous program is needed.

Total Centenary program	$5,700,710
Annual Centenary program	1,140,142
Sent to field in year ending October 31, 1920	778,611
Amount short	361,531
Need for 1921 to carry Centenary program to date	1,501,673

JAPAN, KOREA, THE PHILIPPINES AND MALAYSIA

CHRISTIAN victory or defeat in Japan affects the destiny of the Orient. The educational opportunity is great and pressing. Among the immediate needs are buildings and equipment for our great schools, the Aoyama Gakuin at Tokio and the Chinzei Gakuin at Nagasaki, and the Sapporo and Hirosaki Schools.

Fourteen new churches must be erected in 1921.

Community serving churches are to be erected in industrial centers at Hakata and Nagasaki.

KOREA

Many new churches, to provide for crowding congregations, are imperatively needed.

High Schools at Pyeng Yang and Konju must be enlarged and equipped.

The Haiju Hospital, ministering to a large population, needs $10,000 for building and equipment.

The pathos of children without schools, congregations without churches, and the tragedy of unroofed walls, is a haunting fear which must not become fact.

THE PHILIPPINES

The Union Theological Seminary, essential to the Christian leadership of the islands, calls for our part of the immediate program, $50,000.

Churches and village chapels must be provided for the expanding evangelistic work.

Two hospitals under construction must be finished.

MALAYSIA

The Anglo-Chinese school at Singapore is expanding into a university. It already has 2,000 students. $90,000 must be supplied this year in this influential undertaking.

Outdoor Evangelism in Italy

THE NETHERLANDS INDIES

New hospitals, of which the Dutch government pays three fourths of the cost, will be built when our share is furnished. These meet a desperate need.

There are Unfinished Projects as well as Unmet Needs

HOME FIELD UNMET NEEDS

AN UNCHURCHED COUNTY

ONE county in the state of Washington contains 1,146,847 acres, 90 per cent of which are under cultivation, with a population of 35,000 people. It has 107 school districts (23 of which have two or more rooms), containing 22,000 people, without religious services of any sort. And yet all these communities are easy of access.

METHODIST STUDENTS DRIFTING

$1,000,000 is needed immediately for work among Methodist Episcopal students in tax-supported educational institutions.

In one area in the Middle West there are two state colleges, two state agricultural colleges and four great normal schools with a large per cent of the students from Methodist homes. Very little is being done by the Methodist Episcopal Church to provide the religious training which the state does not furnish.

LEADERS NEEDED

Money is needed at once for training ministers and other workers to do the tasks which the Centenary proposed.

Twenty-five per cent of our ministers are "supplies," the majority being in rural communities. There can be no progress until men and women are trained definitely for rural work.

The lack of trained leaders among foreign-speaking people is lamentable. And immigration increases daily!

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

Fifteen additional cities are asking for Goodwill Industries, where the industrial unfit may have a chance to become self-supporting and regain their place in the life of the community, the while they are taught to know Jesus Christ as Friend and Savior.

GOSPEL MESSENGERS

Money is needed to send preachers to the logging camps and to the coast guards, who are largely neglected by the church.

Evangelistic literature for both English and foreign-speaking non-churchgoers is needed to counteract vicious anti-Christian propaganda.

WHY NEEDS ARE NOT MET

BECAUSE only 72 per cent of the Centenary pledges were paid during 1920, a serious condition confronts the Centenary program in the United States.

For the year 1920, it was possible to appropriate the full maintenance program and only 50 per cent of the building program.

For the year 1921, it has been possible to appropriate the full maintenance program for 1921, and only another 35 per cent of the 1920 building program.

If the income warrants it by June 1, 1921, the remaining 15 per cent of the 1920 building program will be appropriated.

This leaves the 1921 building program without a single dollar.

Church projects just started must stand in a half-completed condition for over a year unless more money is available.

In addition, applications for aid amounting to over $9,000,000 have been received by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Every one of these applications represents a Kingdom need as urgent and pressing as those in the regular Centenary and War Emergency and Reconstruction programs.

The payment of Centenary pledges each month in full will enable the Methodist Episcopal Church to fulfil the great mission advertised to all the world.

It will also help Methodism to keep moving forward.

The Home Mission Field needs your sympathy, your prayers, and your money.

Help to meet the Unmet Needs now, when it will count most for the Kingdom of God in the United States!

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